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REF: (A) USNATO 2736 (DTG 051421Z MAY 77, NOTAL),
(B) USNATO 2709 (DTG 050825Z MAY 77), (C) STATE 103035
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SUMMARY: DURING MAY 6 DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (PARA 4,
REF A), COMMITTEE AGREED TO (A) INCORPORATE US TEXTS ON
DEFENSE INITIATIVES AND PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION
(PARA 2, REF A); (B) EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE DRAFT'S
COVERAGE OF ALLIANCE COOPERATION TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON
ARMAMENTS PLANNING AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN PLANNING
FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS; AND (C) DEFER DISCUSSION OF
INFRASTRUCTURE AND AWACS. DRC WILL ADDRESS REVISED TEXT
(SEPTEL) MAY 12. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW.
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END SUMMARY.

1. US DEFENSE INITIATIVES (PARA 2). COMMITTEE READILY
AGREED TO INCORPORATE US TEXT AND ADDED A PHRASE TO THE
EFFECT THAT THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS WOULD STRENGTHEN, RATHER
THAN SUPPLANT, ONGOING NATO FORCE PLANNING AND
NATIONAL PROGRAMS. REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED SHORT-TERM

MEASURES, THE FRG (BGEN SCHUENEMANN), DANISH (BELLING) AND SACLANT (CDRE COTE) REPS QUESTIONED WHETHER MINISTERS SHOULD IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC FORCE IMPROVEMENT AREAS, SUGGESTING THAT THIS TASK SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (NMAS). US REP (BADER) RESPONDED THAT THE THREE PRIORITY AREAS (ANTI-ARMOR, WAR RESERVE MUNITIONS, AND READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT) OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR KOMER (REF B) REFLECTED THE US VIEW OF THE MOST CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES, BUT WERE SUBMITTED FOR ALLIED CONSULTATION AND POSSIBLE CHANGE. TO AVOID COSTLY DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THESE SHORT-TERM MEASURES, US REP, SUPPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN (ASYG MUMFORD), STATED THAT MINISTERS SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PRIORITY AREAS, NOT LEAVE THIS IDENTIFICATION TO THE NMAS. SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER) COMMENTED THAT SACEUR WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR THE THREE AREAS SUGGESTED BY THE US. THESE MEASURES WOULD BE LOW COST AND NOT "STARTLINGLY NEW OR TROUBLESOME" FOR ANY ALLY. WHAT WOULD BE NEW, HE SAID, WOULD BE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGH-PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS.

2. ALLIANCE COOPERATION (PARAS 6-8). COMMITTEE AGREED, AT US REP'S SUGGESTION, TO REFORMULATE AND EXPAND PARAS 6 AND 8 TO NOTE (A) THE NEED TO IMPROVE NATO'S PLANNING FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS; (B) THE CNAD WORK ON ARMAMENTS PLANNING AND (C) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (C-M(77)27-REVISED). COMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED DUTCH REP'S (WYNAENDTS) PROPOSALS TO REFERENCE THE NEED FOR A "LONGER-TERM APPROACH" TO PLANNING AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUIREMENT TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES THROUGH COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THE REFERENCE IN PARA 8 TO FUTURE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WAS DELETED AND THE ORDER OF PARAS 7 AND 8 REVERSED.

3. PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE (PARA 10). DRC ADOPTED LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 2, REF A. BOTH PORTUGUESE (CATARINO) AND TURKISH (OZCERI) REPS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AGREEING TO INCLUDE THIS TEXT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE UNSETTLED NATURE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND AWACS ISSUES, THE DRC DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF PARA 9. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL, HOWEVER, INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON AWACS IN THE NEXT DRAFT.

5. DRC WILL ADDRESS A REVISED TEXT (SEPTTEL) ON MAY 12. STREATOR

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